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RUSSIFICATION STEPPED UP IN
RUMANIA, HUNGARY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

CZECHOSLOVAKS STUDY RUSSIAN -- Prague, Prace, 10 Sep 52

Russian language courses for the fourth year will soon be offered to the Czechoslovak people. Last year approximately 309,774 workers from all levels attended these classes making up some 19,363 study groups. Of these groups, approximately 7,922 were factory or enterprise activities with a total of 113,877 members.

To advance their own technical knowledge and skills the study of Russian is essential to the workers. By this means they can study Soviet literature and textbooks. An outstanding example of these benefits is Vaclav Svoboda, the State Prize winner, whose intensive study of Stakhanovite and innovator methods enabled him to win the prize. Rudolf Rezek, another State Prize winner, is employed in the Svit enterprise in Gottwaldov.

The following figures show how the Russian courses have been used by the people:

In 1950, some 5,000 issues of Soviet publications were circulated in Czechoslovakia; this figure rose to more than 280,000 copies in 1952. The sale of Soviet literature in the original-language doubled in 1951 over 1950 and all indications point to it that 1952 sales will surpass 1951.

This year's program is being centered on technical Russian and, therefore, in the preparation of the curriculum the enterprise groups under ROH (Revolutionary Trade Union Movement) direction will be most actively concerned. Last year, some 22 enterprises offered this course and this year the number will be increased. In a short time, the polytechnic dictionary will be placed on the market and a whole series of special dictionaries are in process of compilation. They will include terms for mining, metallurgical, and construction industries, and others.

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In this Russian educational program, the SCSP (Union of Czech-Soviet Friendship) will work closely with the ROH. In enterprises where no SCSP unit exists, the enterprise councils will be the chief organizers of the Russian courses.

The ROH must not lag in its efforts to impress the workers with the importance of learning Russian. An outstanding example of such activity was the enterprise ROH group in Motorlet in Jinonice. Through their progressive methods, before the end of the year, some 85 percent of the employees were enrolled in the courses.

BUDAPEST RUSSIAN INSTITUTE RENAMED -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 27 Apr 52

The Orosz Intezet (Russian Institute), a branch of the Budapest University of Sciences, established in 1946 and directed by P. D. Krayevsky, was renamed Lenin Intezet (Lenin Institute) at ceremonies held at the University of Political and Economic Sciences on 26 April 1952.

ESTABLISH RUSSIAN DEPARTMENTS -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 27 Apr 52

Russian departments are being established for the 1952 - 1953 school year in the grade schools and high schools of Budapest and the leading provincial towns.

DISSEMINATION OF SOVIET BOOKS IN RUMANIA -- Bucharest, Viata Capitalei, 15 July 52

The Central Organ for Book Dissemination in Rumania is primarily engaged in exporting Rumanian books abroad and in distributing newly arrived Soviet books throughout Rumania. The latter function is performed with the aid of IMEX (State Import-Export Enterprise), whose operations, although complicated, are highly successful.

The function of IMEX is to make available to the working population, in as short a time as possible, technical and literary books, ideological and scientific booklets, and new Soviet discoveries, in general. Its chief duty is to centralize orders for books submitted by private individuals in Rumania, forwarding these orders to Moscow, and distributing the books on their arrival in Rumania.

When the Soviet books are received, IMEX groups them according to several main divisions and prepares brief resumes in Rumanian. These resumes are printed and attached to the books before they are mailed. In due course, the Soviet books are forwarded to the place of initial order, with extra copies to schools, libraries, and bookstores. Besides those which are specifically ordered, IMEX also receives a supplementary quantity of books to be sent to those people who neglected to order them, but who undoubtedly are desirous of reading them. Finally, the balance of the supply on hand is distributed to the public through the many Book Centers which are found in every community.

Ceaseless agitation is constantly carried on to induce the people to read Soviet literature. For example, library collection service No 1, of Strada Artei No 5, organized a permanent exposition of Soviet books open to the public. It also prepared a complete bibliography to facilitate selection of Soviet books by the chiefs of the factory libraries. The lecture hall of the Permanent Soviet Literary Exposition conducts regular literary agitation meetings at its headquarters at Calea Victoriei No 100. The sole aim of these meetings is to promote the distribution of Soviet literature throughout Rumania.

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A wide variety of Russian-language books are available. The greatest demand is for the complete works of Lenin and Stalin, Historical Materialism by Konstantinov, and the Short Philosophic Dictionary. All schools teach the works of Gor'kiy, Shokolov, Fadseyev, Ehrenburg, Spanov, and Babayevshchy. The Rumanian Academy regularly receives from the USSR the works of the Soviet philosophers Pavlov, Tareyev, Visiliyev, and Siniyenikov, as well as of scientists Michurin, Lysenko, and Vil'yans.

No method is spared in popularizing Soviet literature in Rumania.

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